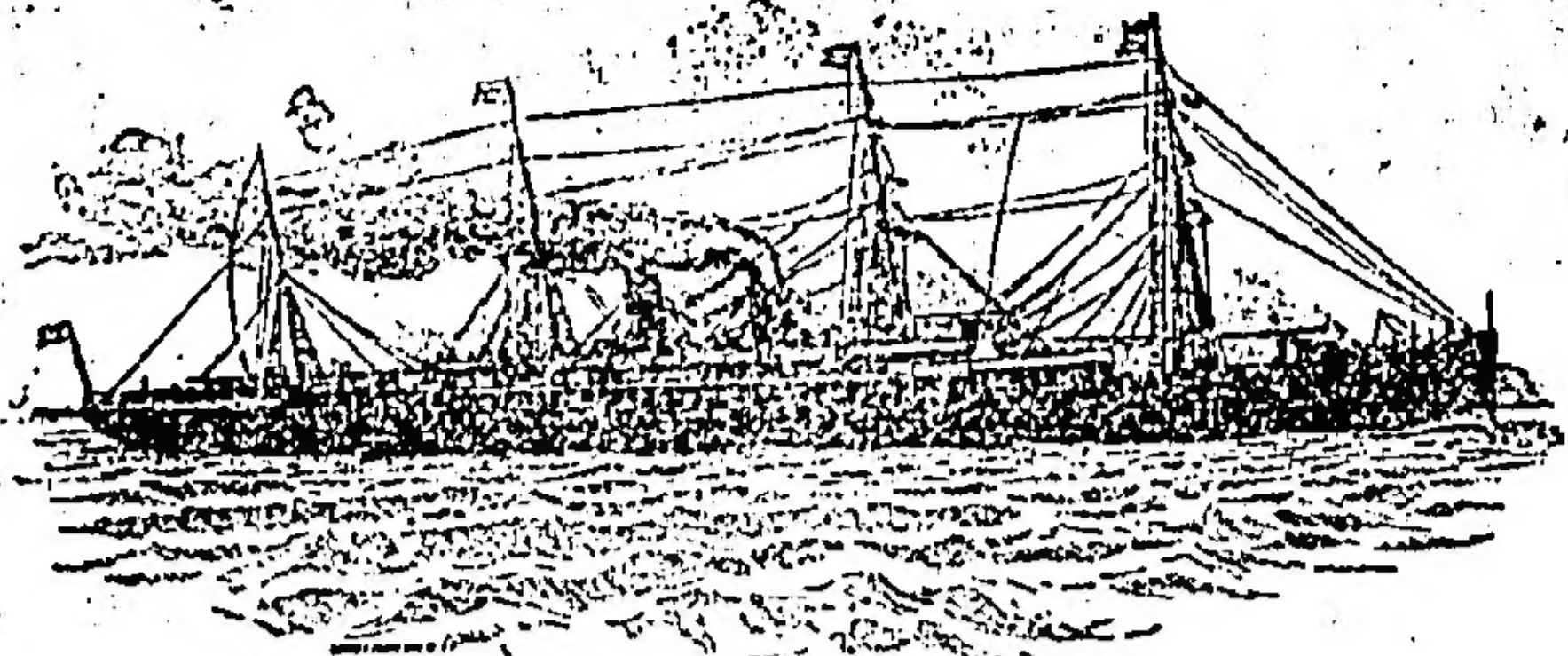


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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th Jan., 1903, at Daylight.
"CITY OF PEKING"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
"GABRIEL"	SATURDAY, 7th March, 1903, at Noon.
"HONGKONG MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th March, 1903, at Noon.
"CHINA"	TUESDAY, 24th March, 1903, at Noon.
"DORIS"	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA," 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE T. K. K. Company's Steamship "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,415 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"TARTAR"	4,415 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPRESS" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 6, 9 and 12 months. SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIOUS OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903.

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(Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
NUERNBERG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	20th Jan. Freight.
Amur	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
Amur	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	3rd Feb. Freight.
Amur	(Calling at SINGAPORE.)	
WURZBURG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	10th Feb. Freight and Passengers.
Wurzburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	26th Feb. Freight.
Fuchs	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	
BAMBERG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	10th Mar. Freight.
Kirchner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	10th Mar. Freight.
von Dohna	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1903.

Notices of Firms.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA-MANILA LINE.

NOTICE.

I BEG to give Notice that the MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA have this Day CEASED to be AGENTS of the above Company and I have OPENED an OFFICE of the Company at No. 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

K. NAKASHIMA,
Manager,
T.K.K. Manila Line.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [53]

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day RESUMED CHARGE of the above Company's Business.

J. WHEELLEY,
Manager.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [39c]

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Let by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on MONDAY, the 19th January, 1903, at 3 P.M., on the Spot,

The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erection of BOOTHS and MATSHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race-course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

TERMS—Cash.
For Conditions of Sale, Apply to—
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [12c]

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COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept Fire, Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, 28th May, 1894. [25]

Intimations.

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A Romance of Hongkong and Self-Sacrifice,

By GILES WHEATLEY,
(MRS. R. F. JOHNSON).

W. BREWER & CO.,
Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [60c]

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

HONGKONG HARBOUR.

DURING the Operations attending the Demolition of the sunken S.S. "Peking," all vessels using that Portion of the Harbour in which the keel are hereby warned that Dynamite Charges are liable to be exploded at any time of the day.

A Red Flag will be hoisted on the Divers' Boat, 15 minutes before each charge is exploded.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Ret. Com. R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department,
Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [58c]

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ENT EAU DE COLOGNE

AND GLYCERINE SOAP.

\$1.50 PER BOX.

IMPORTED BY

RITCHIE & CO.,

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Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [56d]

Intimations.

PROPOSED MERCANTILE MARINE CLUB.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING, open to all CERTIFICATED MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS, will be held, by the courtesy of the Manager, at the Office of the Hongkong Telegraph Company, Limited, 1, Ice House Road, Hongkong, at 3 P.M., TO-MORROW, 18th January, 1903, for the purpose of discussing the desirability of FORMING A MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' CLUB at Hongkong.

Officers unable to attend may address suggestions to be laid before the Meeting to THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [34c]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 11.45 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
General Agents for

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [28c]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1903. [23c]

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 26th January, 1903, at 12.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Period ending 31st December, 1902.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th January, to MONDAY, the 26th January, (both Days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [49c]

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above SOCIETY will be held on TUESDAY, the 27th January, at 12 o'clock, in the CITY HALL.

The Public are invited to attend.

B. S. POATE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [52c]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1903, the following Resolution was passed:—

"That in pursuance of the Special Resolution passed on the 11th day of November, 1902, and confirmed on the 27th day of November, 1902, a Call of Fifty Cents per Share be made upon all holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company, and the same is hereby made. Such Call to be paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of February, 1903."

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest at the rate of 5 per centum per Annum will be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of February, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon presentation at the Office of the Company of the Bankers' Receipt for payment of the Call, and surrender of existing Certificates of the Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Certificates will be issued bearing an endorsement of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KERFOOT-HUGHES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [21c]

WANTED.

A TEACHER for ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

App'ly by Letter to
BRO. FRANCIS,
Director,
St. Joseph's College.

No. 3, Robinson Road,
Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1903.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. Net (8.0) per Cask as per Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. Net \$3.75 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [11c]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICE and SALES ROOMS of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 3, DES-VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [16d]

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For Terms, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

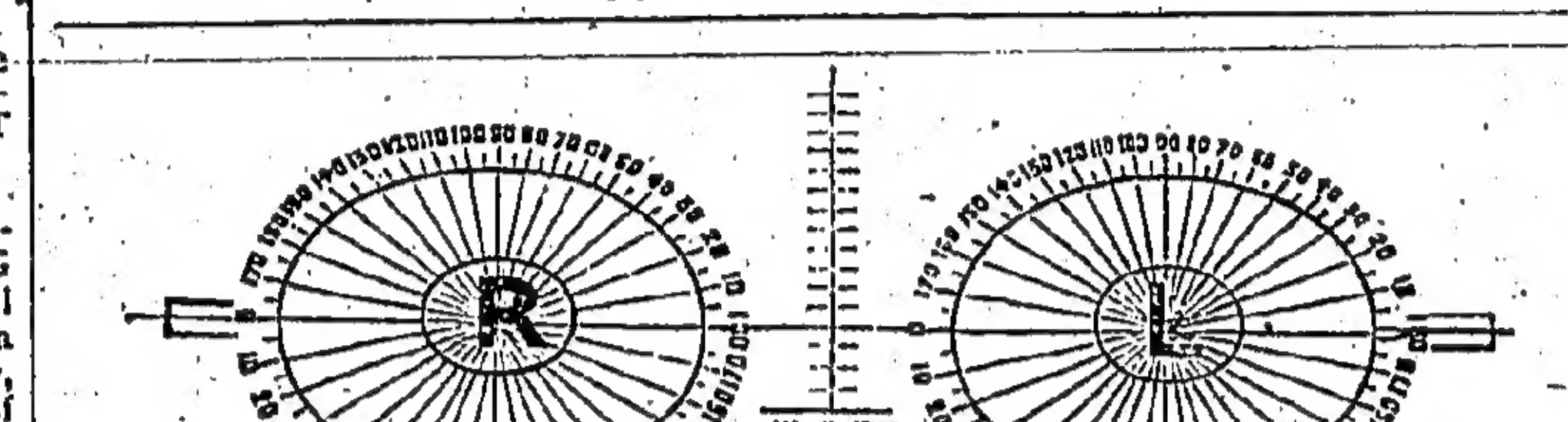
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Intimations.



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DEALERS IN JEWELLERY, PEARLS, DIAMONDS, JADESTONEWARE, CURIOS, SILKS, CARVED IVORYWARE, AND GRASSCLOTHS,

AND GENERAL EXPORTERS.

No. 35, Queen's Road Central,
Next Door Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 20th November, 1902. [126c]

THOMAS' HOTEL.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

THIS HOTEL, having changed hands, has been re-fitted after the style of a First-Class Foreign Hotel, with rooms en suite and single furnished with every regard to perfect comfort and convenience. The Hotel is in very close proximity to the principal Banks and Merchants' Offices.

MODERATE TARIFF.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1386d]

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A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid, and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pints.

Special Prices for Quantities.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. [595d]

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THE SICILIAN TRAVEL.

The present generation have seen two new features grafted on Anglo-Indian life. At first all effort was directed towards visiting England as frequently as possible. In the earlier years of this departure from old ways when an Indian career meant practically continuous life in India, returning travellers thought every hour lost that kept them from within hail of the Cliff of Dover. The fever of getting away from India was only matched by the feverish haste to get straight home. Gradually this impatience of loitering by the way, this somewhat contemptuous indifference towards other lands, has yielded to more cosmopolitan tastes. It is now understood that when one speaks of going home, the larger home of Europe and not the parochial nest somewhere in England, is implied. Increasing members of our countrymen now linger with interest and pleasure in the countries bordering the routes that end in London. Italy reaps annually a rich harvest from Anglo-Indians. Switzerland overflows with them and their families. The Riviera, East and West so seductive with the thousand charms of nature, so odious with the noise and glitter and the thousand effronteries of mere gold, holds a continuous stream of moderate means on leave from India. Although the majority of those who enjoy a stay abroad stick to the beaten tracks, more and more every year are on the look out, like the Athenians, for *aliquid novi*, deviating more and more with adventurous pleasure into less trodden ways. You come across them in the Luxemburg, the lakes of upper Austria, the byways of the Tyrol, and the upper reaches of Danube. As the Brown, Jones and Robinson type of tourist is rapidly disappearing, even from the pages of *Punch*, and all classes of Englishmen are learning to appreciate the good points of foreign character, and the wealth of interest in foreign travel so the desire to know more or less of the Continent is expanding all round. The assurance that it is possible to get a great deal of value for every mode of outlay is working its way into the plans of men who once thought that the only course for furlough is a bee line to England. It will be our grateful task, as opportunity offers, to introduce to notice some of the less known tracts where there are fresh pastures abounding in the lotus that it is food for weary souls on leave to eat, with thankfulness.

Among these delightful spots Sicily deserves distinguished mention. It is not out of the way. It lies along the very line of our course when home or outward bound. The cold shoudering of one of the most equable climates and most interesting centres of the history of the ancient world can only spring from one cause. It is only unnoticed because it is unknown. Those who touch up Messina and have seen the following and worrying boys, the insistent extortions of the porters—worse at Messina than anywhere—are apt to be put off from going further than this gate of Sicily. But it is well worth the preliminary tussle, with these rogues to press beyond, possessing one's soul impatience till the hour of overflowing compensation comes in scenes like those that crown the glories of Taormina. We commenced "In Sicily" (Sands & Co.) a valuable study in two volumes by Mr. Douglas Sladen, illustrated precisely and well, in order to spread a better knowledge of a land that offers irresistible attractions to Anglo-Indians. "Absence of occupation is not rest," says Byron. "A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed." It is a happy pen that men accustomed to busy life in India are apt to find more rest and loathing pull upon them soon. Nothing gives such rest to holiday as the easy-going cultivation of esthetic tastes as are stimulated by the ruined splendours of antiquity and the environment of much surviving magnificence out of the views of the Middle Ages. In all these and much else Sicily is especially rich.

It was in 1833, when John Henry (afterwards Cardinal Newman), looking at the Greek Roman theatre of Taormina and the wild gleam of coast and mountain visible through its ruined columns thus wrote to his sister, "I never thought that Nature could be so beautiful. To see that view was the nearest approach to seeing Eden." It is easy to conjecture what a sensitive Englishman of such *fi fleur* as Dr. Newman must have had to endure in Sicily seventy years ago with its dirt, its vermin, its tangle of manifold corruptions, the hardships of travel by sea and land that left him for dead on the wild brigand-haunted heights of Castrogiovanni. But all the suffering could not dim the enthusiasm of his Sicilian journey. It is worth remembering that was Syracuse, one of the principal cities of the Sicilian names and places, and the *res gesta* of the people are among the common places of classical literature. Cicero calls Syracuse, "the greatest of Greek cities, the fairest of all cities." Its catcombs are superior to the Roman ones of S. Calixtus, and the Church of S. Mercurio, the oldest in Christianity. From the sublime to the humdrum, you may witness the too familiar sight of Sicilian washer woman beating clothes upon the stones, thus carrying on the custom of destruction handed down in the twilight of fable when the giant *Atlas* crossed over from Phenicia. There you have the fortress of Euryalus, the oldest in the world, with the chisel marks as plain as when the workmen went for their *sista* 500 years before the Christian era. It may be safely stated that in no part of the world are there so many monuments of antiquity in such perfect preservation so easily and so cheaply within reach. But it is not the antiquarian only to whom Sicily is a treat. That laughing land sets out before the botanist and colorist an iridescent bangle of wild shrubs and flowers in such extravagance of profusion have never met. When the pilgrim of the things of beauty has surveyed himself sufficiently to the gentle melancholy that comes of interviewing the monuments of the great dead past, a turn of the railway gives a reach to fancy and brings it back into civilization throbbing with the heart of the workaday world. Round the corner, after leaving the immortal ruins at Girgenti, you come across Palermo, the city of palaces with its complex styles of decorative architecture, Greek and Gothic and Saracen and Arabo-Norman with all the actuality and bustling modernity of the idea of Southern cleanliness, being anything but a myth. It will be a surprise to hear that Palermo is a "dazzling clean city" where, paradox as it may seem, it is cheaper to live in a palace than

in a house. House and suburban villas are expensive. Palaces are mostly in the town and while the ground floor is let out in shops, apartments may be hired in the upper stories. There is a merciful obscurity about these city palaces, so that the other world knows little of the dire straits to keep up appearances and make ends meet for the daily dose of penicillin or macaroni to his few retainers. Visitors are not so pestered with beggars or the extortions of cabmen as in other Southern towns. The tariff of half a penny for a drive with a penny *pourboire* seems to be ordinarily accepted without imprecations. There is also much less of which Newman complained of "the incredibly importunate beggars and their miserable whine to make one quite nervous." Nerves that have withstood the whining blandishments of the purlieus of Crawford Market are not likely to be shaken by the worst that Sicily can do. Mr. Sladen assures us that foreigners are shrewd enough to know that treatment of stranger renchets on themselves. It is comforting to feel that, in any event, there is an excellent steamer service between Palermo and Naples that only occupies a night. For those who desire to get considerable enjoyment out of Sicily for a small outlay, many hints of management in Mr. Sladen's book will prove helpful.—*Times of India*.

Consignees.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.
"BANAN,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
Goods not cleared by the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour.
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
Consignees of Cargo from Europe and Egyptian Ports, Bombay, &c., are requested to sign a General Average Bond before Bills of Lading are countersigned.
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [4]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM TRIESTE, Fiume, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"AUSTRIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. Yarn will be landed at L.P. Sap-Wan Godown Lot No. 1205-6.
Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 22nd instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd instant will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January 1903. [37e]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "BRAEMAR,"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAIT.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M., TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd instant, will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th instant, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [39e]

STEAMSHIP "SALAZIE"
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex s.s. *Lidon*, and from Bordeaux, ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras* and *Ville de Rochefort*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, the 15th instant, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining undelivered after WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 21st instant, or they will not be recognised.
All damaged packages will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1903. [100e]

Consignees.
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship.
"DARMSTADT,"
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 A.M., TO-DAY.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th instant will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined, on MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 23rd instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [653c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship.
"CEYLON,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Goods not cleared by the 19th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.
All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1903. [4]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship.
"TIROL,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 20th instant, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 20th instant, will be subject to rent.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.
Princes' Buildings, Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [6e]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. "BENGLOE,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st January, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st instant, at 1 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1903. [55e]

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NOTICE.
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"NIPPON MARU,"
are hereby notified that their Goods are at their risk being discharged into Lighter and/or landed into our Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, at Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.
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E. W. TILDEN, Agent.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1903. [1]

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December 14, at Rochampton, Rev. E. B. DEACON, aged 51.
December 14, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, France, daughter of late J. W. CARRALL, of Chelsea.

On the 13th January, at No. 4, Kungping Road, of cerebral apoplexy, WATSON W. RICH, Chief Engineer of the Hankow-Canton Railway, aged 61 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1903

ANOTHER LABOUR PROBLEM.

In another column will be found a Reuter's telegram pointing out that the newspapers unanimously protest against the suggested importation of Chinese on the Rand. Some of them, it states, condemn the idea outright and others express serious misgivings. But the question is not a new one, for we find that, several months since, much attention was being devoted to the labour problem in South Africa, and severe criticisms were written on a Blue Book dealing with the subject. At the time the *Pull Mall Gazette* pointed out that the Kaffir man would have to starve from sheer laziness, or labour would have to be imported from overseas, while the *Times*, in drawing attention to the fact that no one has had larger acquaintance with the subject than Sir Marshall Clarke, whose belief is that the natives are fast acquiring new wants, and voluntarily go to work in increasing numbers, although they could not be depended upon to give continuous labour, agreed with the *P.M.G.* that, in the end it will be found necessary to resort to imported labour. The *St. James's* gave it as its opinion that it was by imported labour that the Rhodesian problem will almost certainly have to be solved, and stated that the obvious sources of supply were India and China. As with the Philippines, it is a question of inducing the native to work, and while it seems to be the settled policy of the British Government that the Kaffir should be trained to labour the means of bringing about such a desirable end comprise the main difficulty. Meanwhile, the newly acquired colonies stand in urgent need of labour. The Chinaman is preferred to the Indian because the Colonists would apply to the Celestial the rules they could not force upon a British Indian subject. As one journal states—"They would confine labourers to fixed localities, and would compel them to observe the same curfew law, by which Kaffirs are obliged to be indoors in town after dark. They could as easily deprive the Chinaman of opium as they do the Kaffir of alcohol. Chinamen could be imported into South Africa on a time contract as Indian coolies are elsewhere. Under restrictions, which it would be impossible to apply to British subjects, the Chinaman might be turned to good account." Regarding this there can be no doubt, and one has merely to refer to the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States, to learn what measure of success has attended the importation of Chinese. There we see the Government has considerably benefited by the employment of Chinese labour. As a product of their work in the tin mines, for instance, the royalty derived by the country has been far in excess of most sanguine estimates, while it is recognised that they have been useful in helping to build the railways and generally developing the land. But it cannot be denied that Australia's experience is that, wherever the Chinese coolie goes certain things go with him. The inevitable Chinatown comes into existence, with its inevitable opium dens and fan-tan shops; and the Chinaman begins to make his fortune by selling at a much lower rate asked for by other traders. Mr. Colquhoun, in his most recent work, tells us that it must not be supposed that the Celestial, at this stage of his career, will act as an emergency man. He has realised his own value too well. It is to the choicest spots where money is to be made quickly, where the precious metal is to be found and more profitable work done that he turns his face now. America has found the Chinaman a perpetual puzzle not only in the States, but in her newly acquired territory across the China Sea, but, as we remarked the other day, the Filipino will not work and objects to the Chinaman on the ground that he is a great drain on the country, remitting a very large

part of his earnings to China, while by means of his close co-operation and powerful trade guilds he drives every native out of the retail business. Everywhere we find objections arising against their immigration, yet if the natives will not work and the white man cannot it is difficult to say who will labour and open up the lands. If Africa will not have the Chinese, then the native question, already one of the most difficult and complex before the British Government, will become more involved. At present there is such a scarcity of labour in the Transvaal, that work on the gold mines is being retarded. The Kaffir is an agriculturalist at heart, and mining is a disagreeable type of employment to him. He wishes to marry, to have land and cattle like his fathers with the rest of his tribesmen, and he regards work at the mines away from home and wage earning in general as a temporary opportunity for acquiring capital for these purposes. Owing to the high wages paid at the mines the native can usually earn sufficient to satisfy his needs in a few months, and thus attains to the realization of his desire just as he has become sufficiently experienced to be of real value to his employer, who is in this way constantly losing his best hands. Consequently the solution of the problem lies in the introduction of outside labour and, as evidenced by the tin mines in the Federated Malay States, the Chinese are admirably suited to the work. We have seen in the case of our own Colony they are submissive and excellent workers under European supervision, and there is no reason, therefore, why, in South Africa, where there is unbounded mineral resources, the introduction of Chinese should not realise every expectation, especially if they are kept within bounds, both in moral and physical conditions, under the laws to be inaugurated by new administration in our South Africa Colonies.

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CAPT. A. R. Grieve, Hongkong Volunteer Corp., has been granted leave of absence till the 6th May next.

THE running of torpedoes at the Torpedo Sub-Depot, Kowloon, will be commenced on Monday next from 7.30 a.m. to noon, and 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

THE Holt steamer *Antenor* leaves Hongkong for England on or about the 24th inst., with invalided Army details for passage to London (Royal Albert Docks).

THE Austrian Minister Plenipotentiary, H. E. D'Ambrò, and family arrived from Kobe this morning. They are on a homeward voyage in the Austrian steamer *Silesia*.

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ON Monday afternoon on the Happy Valley in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield, B Company S.F. will play E. Company S.F. Kick-off at four o'clock.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge, with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

E. Cornwell Lewis, \$5

THE bullion broker, Mr. Pixley, and Abdul Rahman, C.M.G., of whose have been examined by the Straits Currency Commission. It is not considered probable that the Committee's report can be ready before the middle of February next.

THIS afternoon, at the Volunteer Headquarters, the members of the Corps, who were present in Hongkong during the Coronation festivities, were each presented with the Coronation medal, recently received from home. About fifty officers, non-coms and men were present. A march out to Belcher's Battery for big gun drill followed.

MR. J. M. O'Dowd, a well-known Shanghai journalist, died of pneumonia last Monday on board of the *Romby* between here and Singapore. He was homeward bound, and in a letter written at Hongkong gave no indication of any illness. He was buried at sea.

THE sums collected in the Registry at the Supreme Court for 1902 and paid into the Treasury amount to \$30,275.42, which includes an unclaimed balance of Intestate Estates, against \$39,901.72, including \$14,615.50, being Land Office fees, with \$145 on account of the New Territory, in 1901.

THE engagement of Mr. D. M. Moses, Director of the H. & S. Bank, Land Investment and other Companies and representative of the old-established firm of David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong, to Miss Hannah Gubbay, is announced and we hear the marriage will take place shortly.

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LIEUT. G. J. B. Nayer, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, has been appointed Captain, vice Capt. Forbes resigned.

THE British sloop *Phaenix* arrived from Pak-hoi this morning, and the Italian cruiser *Pique* is to be sent home shortly from the Chinese Station to pay off at Devonport, as it is found she is in need of more extensive repairs than can be carried out at the Hongkong yard.

A VERY enjoyable dance was given last night at Chater's Bungalow, Kowloon, kindly lent for the occasion by Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., under the auspices of the newly formed South Lothian Lodge. There was a very large gathering, and dancing was kept up with much vigour till the early hours of this morning.

A NATIVE passenger by one of the Canton boats from Canton accidentally fell overboard at about a distance of forty-one miles from Hongkong. The ship was immediately stopped and boats lowered to seek for the missing man, but to no purpose. The Chinaman was afterwards picked up by another river boat which was following in the wake of the first steamer.

CAPT. Kumpel, of the str. *Devonshire* from Hongkong, reports—3 miles South of Tulo Obi on the 11th inst. met a dismasted junk named *King-Ching Choy*. Her rudder was gone, and she was badly leaking. Her cargo was thrown overboard to keep her afloat. We took on board 96 men in a half starved condition from her and landed them the next day at Cape St. James. The weather was rough.

POLICE regulations respecting the firing of crackers during the Chinese New Year show that they may be let off within the following limits:—Centre Street from the sea to Bonham Road; Bonham Road from Centre Street to No. 8 Police Station; a line running from No. 8 Police Station down Rutter Street, to Van Street, New Street, and crossing Queen's Road through Wo Fung Street to the Sea; and The Plaza from Wo Fung Street to Centre Street.

A BLACK record is published in yesterday's *Government Gazette*. It deals with crime in Hongkong. During 1902, 74 persons were convicted in the Superior Courts, as against 82 in 1901, 79 in 1900, and 77 in 1899. The number of persons acquitted during those periods was 24, 16, 18 and 21 respectively. Last year 3 prisoners were found guilty on the capital charge, while 13 were tried for manslaughter, 39 for robbery with violence. Sixty-one prisoners were sent to goal with hard labour for over a year and 32 were privately flogged.

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CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

The sixth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the general managers, Des Vaux Road, at eleven o'clock this morning. There were present:—The Hon. R. Shewan (Chairman), Messrs. C. Klink, A. C. Ward, G. Tomlin, J. H. Lewis, T. Reid, G. Murray Bain, Hamilton Sharp, Fung Wa Chun, Chow Hing Kee, Sui Ua and others.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the printed report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, so with your permission we will follow the usual course and take them as read. You will see from the accounts that 27,800 shares, which remained unplaced this time last January, have all been taken up since then, and that the paid up capital of the company now reaches \$1,000,000. We have, therefore, to pay a dividend on this amount although we did not get the full benefit of it during the whole year, and although we are straining a point to do so, we recommended declaring the usual dividend of 8%, and so keep it uniform with those of previous years. I have no doubt that you will agree with me that in the interests of all bona fide investing shareholders, it is advisable to maintain an even rate of dividend (hear, hear), and as far as possible avoid fluctuations which only play into the hands of outside speculators, whose operations are not for the benefit of this company. I regret that it only leaves a mere \$14,000 to put in Reserve Fund, but if we do as well in proportion this year, we should have a substantial amount left over for Reserve after paying 8% again next time. We do not overlook the importance of building up a Reserve Fund, and as we cannot always expect the same immunity from losses that we have hitherto enjoyed, and we ought to have a good Reserve to meet such contingencies (hear, hear). In the past year we had to call in or foreclose one or two loans; but we suffered no loss, our margins being ample and we trust this may always be the case. There is nothing, I think, in the accounts that requires explanation. Interest paid, commissions, etc., is considerably higher than in the previous year, and we shall endeavor to keep this down in future, but the more we borrow, the more we can lend, and, of course, with increased business, we must expect an increase in these items. Before I move the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to hear any remarks from shareholders. The Chairman (after a pause):—As there are no remarks I beg to move that the report and accounts, as presented, be adopted and passed. Will somebody kindly second that?

Mr. Tomlin:—I have very much pleasure in seconding that.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.
Mr. T. H. Reid:—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. Van Buren, Chow Hing Ker, Chow Tung Shiang and J. H. Lewis to the Consulting Committee.
Mr. Klink:—I beg to second.
Carried.

AUDITORS.
Mr. Ward:—I beg to propose the re-election of Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O. D. Goudin as auditors.
Mr. Murray Bain:—I beg to second.
Carried.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen. I am obliged to you for your attendance. The dividend warrants will be ready on Monday morning.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES AT KOON HEW SCHOOL.

A very pleasing function took place last evening when the first presentation of prizes took place at the Koon Hew School, Bonham Strand West. This institution was first opened in February, 1902, and the whole of the expenses were defrayed by two of our Chinese citizens, viz. Messrs. Loo Koon Ting and Chin Hewan. Mr. Loo Koon Ting presided, and there were also present Mr. Chan Hewan, Mr. Piercy, Mr. Skies, Rev. E. J. Barnett, M.A., Mr. and Mrs. Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mr. Abraham, Messrs. Tam Tsz Kong, Luo Shun Chuen, Cheung Mun, Poh Tang, Cheo Ngo, Low Hip Chee, Chun Yuk Nam, Yuen Kuk Choi and others.

The following report was read by Mr. Chan Hewan, the Superintendent:—

Hongkong, 16th January, 1903.
Sir, I have the honour to report on the working of the Koon Hew Free School for the Year 1902. The School was opened in the month of February, 1902. The number of boys enrolled during the year was 716. The average nightly attendance was 160. The number of actual working nights was 216. Four classes were opened during the first half year, but owing to the great increase in the number of applicants for admission, three more classes were opened after the Summer Holidays. I personally took charge of the 1st Class before the Summer Holidays and conducted the Summer Examination for all classes myself. Three assistant masters were engaged in the First Half Year and later on one Head Master and two more assistant teachers were added to the teaching staff. The appointment of the Head Master was principally due to my leaving the Colony for Shanghai on business. During my temporary absence my duty as Head Master was entrusted to Mr. C. Kent and as Superintendent to Mr. Tam Tsz Kong; both of these gentlemen I am deeply indebted to for their painstaking and energetic management. After I returned from Shanghai I took over the duty of the Superintendent of the School and the supervision of the inspection of the same required my nightly attendance. The number of boys so rapidly increased out of all proportion to my expectation that it is evident English Education for the working classes of the Chinese Community is urgently needed in this Colony. The assistant masters of this School have given entire satisfaction. I am very pleased to report that Tang Shing Cheung, 1st boy of the first class in Summer Examination has been taken through my recommendation as a Clerk in the office of Mr. Ahmet Rumjahn. This boy has long desired to seek employment because his father has not sufficient means to provide for him at school. After a fortnight's trial in Mr. Rumjahn's Office, Mr. Rumjahn found his education was insufficient to enable him to be a Clerk of some responsibility, therefore he himself voluntarily undertook to pay this boy \$5 a month for his education for a further two years. Not only this boy and his father should never forget Mr. Rumjahn's kindness shown in such a remarkable way but our School ought to have a special record of the same. Another thing I have to point out is this, Captain Robinson of the *Stanley* Government Lighthouse Tender has written me once on the subject of training boys to be sailors. He offered himself to teach boys on board his steamer free of charge if any boys desired to learn navigation. I at once conveyed his intention to our 1st class boys. Four boys out of the class had eagerly offered themselves for this enterprise. I deeply regret that the desire of the concerned has not succeeded as anticipated owing to some special reasons. Although the result of this scheme has not been carried out, I have to thank Captain Robinson for he has so highly appreciated our School and has taken so keen an interest in our boys. Our warmest thanks are due to the donors of Prizes which we value so much. I am, Sir, Yours very faithfully, (Sd.) Chan Hewan, Superintendent of the Koon Hew Free School.

At the conclusion of the reading of the report, the chairman presented the prizes to the successful candidates, and as each came up, he greeted him with some encouraging remarks. The prizes consisted of cheques, gold and silver watches and useful books. Mr. Piercy afterwards remarked that it was indeed very gratifying to see the school progressing so well. The report was a very satisfactory one, and the founders of the school, viz. Messrs. Loo Koon Ting and Chan Hewan were to be congratulated. He had every hope and assurance that a prosperous career awaited the school. Mr. Young, the inspector of schools (native) concurred in Mr. Piercy's statements, and added that he was sure that the scholars would benefit by the institution, and as China was in need of those who were both versed in Chinese and English, he was confident that the pupils in time to come would have every prospect of joining the Government and work

for the good of China. He concluded by wishing the school and its donors every success and prosperity. Mr. Hewan thanked the company present on behalf of Mr. Loo Koon Ting and the pupils whilst Mr. Loo Koon Ting before bringing the proceedings to a close stated that next year (Chinese) the School would be removed to Yumai, where a site has been obtained, instead of a night school; it would then be a school for day scholars.

Among the donors of the prizes were Captains Robinson and Walker, Messrs. S. A. Seih, Loo Koon Ting, Chan Hewan, Tam Tsz Kong, Chun Lai Chuen, Cheung Mun Poh and others.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

The following is the fourteenth report of the board of directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at noon on the 26th January:—

Gentlemen:—The Directors have now to submit to you a General Statement of the Affairs of the Company, and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The net profits for that period including \$8,305.04 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, amount to \$732,640.76. From this amount an interim dividend of 5% per share has already been paid. It is now proposed to pay a final dividend of 5% per share, making a total dividend of 10% per annum on the capital, and after writing off directors' and auditors' fees—there remains a balance of \$51,707.26 to be carried forward to the credit of a new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. A. Haupt and Mr. H. P. White having resigned their seats, Mr. C. Michelau and Mr. J. H. Lewis were invited to join the board in their place, and this now requires confirmation. Messrs. N. A. Siebs and D. M. Moses now retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

In the absence of Mr. F. Henderson, the accounts have been audited by Mr. T. Arnold in conjunction with Mr. J. C. Peter, who now retire but offer themselves for re-election.

C. W. DICKSON, Chairman.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

The following are the statements of accounts:—

BALANCE SHEET.
Liabilities.
Capital, \$5,000,000.00
Equalization of dividend fund, 75,000.00
Accounts payable, 1,504,003.19
Balance of Profit, \$732,640.76
Less Interim dividend paid, 300,000.00
432,640.76

Assets.
Cash, \$457,574
Amount Advanced on Mortgage, 3,290,199.05
Amount Invested in Property, 4,343,697.55
Furniture Account, 3,763.39
Accounts Receivable, 44,408.32
\$7,686,643.95

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.
To Interim Dividend of 6% for the Half-Year, \$300,000.00
Charges Account, 27,884.40
Repairs to House Property, 17,10.37
Advertising, 567.85
Fire Insurance, 10,795.82
Balance to be Appropriated as follows:—
Directors' Fees, \$7,500.00
Managing Directors' Fees, 72,433.50
Auditors' Fees, 1,000.00
Final Dividend of 6% for the Half-Year, 300,000.00
Balance to be carried to New Account, \$1,707.26
432,640.76

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By Undivided Profits, 1901, \$8,305.04
Interest on Mortgage, \$238,498.22
Less Interest on Loans Payable, 81,890.19
156,608.03
Rents, 21,033.60
Commission, 13,973.18
Ship Fees, 2,800.00
Profit on Sales of Property, 392,641.79
\$788,901.00

A. SHELTON HOOVER, Secretary.

We have compared the above Statement with the Books, Vouchers and Securities of the Company and have found the same to be correct.

T. ARNOLD, J. C. PETER, Auditors.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.
Indian (*Lahore*) 19th inst.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 20th inst.
German (*Stuttgart*) 25th inst.
American (*Coptic*) 31st inst.
Canadian (*Thurlo*) 5th prox.
American (*America*) 7th prox.

The P. & O. S. Co.'s steamer *America* with mails, etc., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 10th inst. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.V.S. *Empress of India* arrived at Shanghai at 3 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th inst., and leaves again at 1 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, the 20th inst.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.V.S. *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai at 3 a.m. on Saturday, the 17th inst., and leaves again at 1 p.m. same day for Nagasaki, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Monday, the 19th inst.

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TELEGRAMS.

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Death of Cardinal Parocchi.

BERLIN, 16th January, 11.30 a.m.

The death of Cardinal Parocchi is announced.

Venezuela.

President Castro has issued a compulsory loan of two million Bolivars.

Morocco.

Affairs in Morocco are reported to be quieter.

(Reuters.)

The Coal Famine in America.

LONDON, January 15th.

The American Congress, at a single sitting, has passed a bill suspending the duty on imported coal for one year.

Germany and Russia.

The Crown Prince of Germany has started for St. Petersburg on a visit to the Tsar.

British South Africa.

The newspapers unanimously protest against the suggested importation of Chinese on the Rand. Some condemn the idea outright and others express serious misgivings.

France.

M. Jaures, a socialist, has been elected Vice-President of the Chamber. This is regarded as significant of the strong position the socialists are attaining in France.

The Recent Earthquake.

Seven thousand people perished in the recent earthquake at Andijan and damage to property amounted to 15 million roubles. Shocks still continue.

Cholera in the Mediterranean.

The S. S. Royal has arrived at Malta from Alexandria with seven cases of cholera on board.

(N. C. D. News.)

THE PAYMENT OF THE INDEMNITY.

PEKING, 13th January.

As a result of the fall in silver, the instalment now payable to the Powers on account of the indemnity is increased by Tls. 3,000,000, for which the Foreign Ministers have repeatedly pressed the Chinese Government.

The latter is still appealing to be allowed to pay on the silver basis, for sending that in the present unfavorable position of China's finances no more can be provided than the instalment agreed upon in the Peace Protocol. This appeal has not been favourably received by the Foreign Ministers.

Some of the highest officials in Peking propose, as a means of making up the deficiency, to make the Customs duties payable on the gold basis, but to this the Powers absolutely decline to agree.

The provincial officials feeling an increase of the burdens laid on them, are increasingly opposing the payment on the gold basis, and the Chinese Government is accordingly in a greatly distressed condition.

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

The following is the report of the general agents to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at 11.45 a.m. on the 26th January:—

The net profits for the year, including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amount to \$107,744. From this amount an interim dividend of \$1.50 per share has already been paid, and after writing-off directors' and auditors' fees it is now proposed to pay a final dividend of \$1.60 per share making a total dividend for the twelve months of \$3.10 per share, and to carry forward the balance of \$24,144 to credit of new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

Hon. J. J. Bell having retired, Hon. C. W. Dickson has been appointed in his stead, and this appointment now requires confirmation.

Hon. C. W. Dickson and Mr. A. J. Raymond retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

AUDIT.

In the absence of Mr. F. Henderson, the accounts have been audited by Mr. J. C. Peter, who now retires but offers himself for re-election.

A. SHELTON HOPPER,

Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 12th January, 1903.

The following are the statements of accounts:—

BALANCE SHEET TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1902.

Liabilities.

Capital.....\$625,000.00

Accounts Payable.....2,585.83

Balance of Profit and Loss Account.....\$40,224.14

Less Interim Dividend Paid.....18,750.00

21,474.14

\$649,059.97

Assets.

Cost of Property.....\$1,830.80

Cash.....2,144.77

Accounts Receivable.....35,083.60

\$1,910,089.97

COTTAM & CO. FOR GENTS' BATHING GEAR.

COTTAM & CO. FOR TRUSS'S STRAW and FELT HATS.

COTTAM & CO. FOR PANAMA HATS.

COTTAM & CO. FOR SUMMER UNDERWEAR.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Dr.		
To Fire Insurance.....	\$ 3,477.75	
To Charges.....	290.15	
To Crown Rent and Rates.....	8,854.00	
To Repairs to Buildings, &c.....	4,134.00	
To Commission to Agents.....	2,018.12	
To Interim Dividend of \$1.50 for Half-Year.....	18,750.00	
To Balance to be appropriated as follows:—		
Directors' Fees.....	\$ 500.00	
Auditors' Fees.....	50.00	
Dividend of \$1.60 per share.....	20,220.00	
To Balance to be carried to New Account.....	924.14	
	\$ 58,999.00	

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By Balance brought forward.....	\$ 1,309.87
By Rent.....	550.69
By Interest.....	1,625.29
By S. P. Fees.....	27.01
	\$ 589.96

A. SHELTON HOPPER,

Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd., Eximied.

A. J. RAYMOND, Directors.

C. S. SHARP, Directors.

I have compared the above statement with the Books and Vouchers of the Company and have found the same to be correct.

J. C. PETER, Auditor.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1903.

TRIAL TRIP OF THE "SAN CHEUNG."

Yesterday afternoon, at four o'clock, special launches conveyed visitors off to the new steamer *San Cheung*, to inspect the vessel and take part in her trial trip. Among those present were: Messrs. Richards, Jones, Hughes, Cunningham, Carmichael, and Chapman, Messrs. Maker, and Seibert, Captains Young, Hallstrom, and Robinson, Messrs. Li Wai Tong (chairman of the Cheung On S.S. Company), Carmichael (marine architect and superviser), Kwok Yik Ting (secretary), Mumford (Lloyd's), Leung Tsun Tu, Y. Fung Chun Yuen, Leung Oi Chun, Kwong Keng Tong, Chiu Chung Hin, and Li Tsz Ming (directors), Jean Trevaux, Davies, Balphs, Patterson, Rose, Whitlock, Terrell, Sit Ming Kok, Cunningham, P. Harbillion, C. Meurer, Swaby, Hau King Ting, Chau Shun Shan, and Major Chapman. Although there were 200 Chinese guests, the officers of the ship were: Capt. Murphy, Mr. C. H. Clarke (chief engineer), and Mr. Angus (chief officer).

When all were aboard, the order to "heave up the anchor" was given, and ere long the ship was forging across the harbour towards the Canton River. She was gallily decked with bunting, with the dragon flag at the masthead and the red ensign at the flag-staff, for, although the vessel is to fly the French flag (and to be heavily subsidised by the French Government), the hoisting of the tricolour cannot take place till the vessel reaches Canton. All on board enjoyed the excursion and, in spite of the cold breeze, many stayed on deck to take the full advantage of the weather.

At first it was arranged that the trial should be of but short duration, but after stating the Directors expressed a desire to go as far as Chek Wan Island, situated about twenty miles from Hongkong up the river, and plans were accordingly altered.

At about seven o'clock the company was summoned to dinner, and the ship being light and there being a slight vibration, the engines were put to slow, while the ship's nose was pointed homeward. After dinner, when all guests were charged, the chairman, Mr. Li Wei Tong, toasted the King, and Major Chapman, the Emperor of China. Following this Mr. Cunningham toasted the *San Cheung*, and on behalf of the chairman, Mr. R. C. in reply, thanked the company for their attendance, and said that their hosts had received letters from the Governor and Colonial Secretary regretting that they were unable to attend. All the guests were invited to Canton on the vessel's maiden voyage.

The Secretary of the Company, Mr. Kwok Yik Ting, made a few remarks regarding the ship, which was built for the Hongkong-Canton trade, and was capable of carrying 1,100 passengers. She was the largest vessel yet built by Chinese, and with the great increase of Hongkong-Canton trade, and the opening of treaty ports in Kwangtung, was a needed and timely addition to the river fleet. He had great pleasure in toasting success to the Kwong Fuk Cheong Shipbuilders and the Ting Hing Engineers. Mr. Carmichael suitably responded and toasted Mr. Kwok Yik Ting. Mr. Mumford had the pleasant duty of toasting the ladies, and Mr. Davies was equally fortunate in being called upon to respond. The Press was also honoured. Shortly after the proceedings the vessel arrived back at the wharf and, after thoroughly enjoying themselves, the guests took their leave.

The *San Cheung* is a vessel of 951 tons, 205 ft. long, 33 ft. beam, and 10 ft. moulded depth. She has three decks, viz., steege, saloon, and boat, the latter forming a splendid promenade with fittings for awnings. Her cylinders are 14 by 28 feet, boilers 9 by 10 feet, and she is fitted with twin screws. The hull is of wood, copper sheathed. In the saloon, all cabins are fitted with hot and cold water, laid on by pipes and all things are conducive to the comfort of passengers. The vessel is lighted throughout by electricity, and, on her speed trial, over the measured mile, attained a speed of not less than 12 knots. She is efficiently provided with fire boxes, life boats, and milk.

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HONGKONG ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

To THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

DEAR SIR,—In your report on the prize winners of the Hongkong Army Rifle Association in your last night's issue there was one omission which I should be much obliged if you would kindly rectify, viz.—The *1st* of *Native Troops* irrespective of rank was Naik Mahadua Deokar—10th Bombay Light Infantry, who consequently won the new Challenge Cup kindly presented by H.E. Major-General Sir W. Gascoigne for the best shot of the Native portion of the Garrison—I am, yours truly,

W. A. C. DENNY,

Major, D.A.A.G.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

Commercial.

YARN MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. Cawajee, Pillanjee & Co. in their report dated 16th January, 1903, state as follows:—

Since the issue of our last circular dated the 2nd instar, continued telegraphic advices of a stronger tone in the Bombay Market for Yarn, our market here has again advanced in sympathy with the above, coupled with a speculative demand in spite of regular arrivals during the fortnight; the speculators, thinking that the present stock is inadequate, to meet the demand after the Chinese New Year, which falls on the 28th of the current month, paid higher prices and purchased a good lot at prices shown in this circular. Almost all threads and descriptions moved freely, and a good lot changed hands. The market closes very firm and a rise is expected after the Chinese New Year. Sales during the fortnight consist of about 80 bales of No. 68, 100 bales of No. 85, 5,385 bales of No. 105, 1,375 bales of No. 125, 350 bales of No. 165, and 2,710 bales of No. 205, in all about 10,000 bales. Arrivals during the fortnight per steamers *Chuan, Ischia, Suining, Jauca, Yamaguchi Maru, and Tirof* of about 10,280 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 11,000 bales.

Local Production.—Sales of about 100 bales of No. 85, at \$95, and about 1,000 bales of No. 105, at \$99 to \$100 per bale reported.

Japan Sea Yarn.—Sales of about 1,400 bales at \$124 to \$129 are reported in the market.

Exchange.—We quote today on India at Rs. 117 1/2, London at 1/6 1/2.

SHIPPING AND FREIGHT.

There is not much change and freights continue more or less as last reported. Saigon to Hongkong shipping is firmer, and to cents per picul is offering for prompt, and 11 cents per picul for early February loading. For prompt loading to one port Philippines, 26 cents per picul has been paid for two small steamers.

From Saigon to one port, N. C. Java 26 cents per picul for February loading, and from Saigon to Japan 28 cents for February, and 36 cents for March. Dry sugar freight from N. C. Java to Hongkong, prompt loading, 17 1/2 cents per picul, and 35 cents per picul for March shipping to Japan. Coal freights are dull.

From Moji to Hongkong \$2 1/2 per ton; Moji to Singapore \$2 1/2 per ton; Moji to Manila \$3 1/2 per ton; Moji to Amoy \$4 1/2 per ton; Moji to Swatow \$2 1/2 per ton; The steamers *Sullberg* and *Karim* have been fixed on time charters (the former for 12 months at \$5,000 per month for Northern trade, and the latter for 8 months for Newchwang-Canton trade. Both charters to commence in March. The river steamer, *Chu Kong*, late *Bakan A-nu*, has been sold to the Kwong Wan S.S. Co. for \$78,000, through Mr. Tu Kee. Both this vessel and the *Pakong*, of the same company, are shortly to be despatched to the Philippines for the memo trade.

The following is the memo of settlements since the 9th inst:—

Propter, Nor. str., 788, Moji or Kuchinotsu to Amoy, \$2.10 per ton.

Selum, Nor. str., 800, Moji or Swatow, \$2.25 per ton.

Andree Rickmers, Ger. str., 1020, Saigon to Hongkong, 8 cents per picul.

Nansin, Brit. str., 1299, Saigon to Hongkong, 9 cents per picul.

Chun Jensen, Ger. str., Saigon to Hongkong, 10 cents per picul.

Telegraph, Brit. str., 1340, Saigon to Hongkong, 10 cents per picul.

Link Thun, Fr. str., 1094, Saigon to Hongkong, 10 cents per picul.

Doria, Nor. str., 665, Saigon to Hongkong, 11 cents per picul.

Quarta, Ger. str., 1146, Saigon to Hongkong, 9 cents per picul.

Proter, Ger. str., 719, Saigon to 1 port Philippines, 24 cents per picul.

Karin, Swed. str., 608, Saigon to 1 port Philippines, 24 cents per picul.

A China Nav. Co. str. Saigon to 1 port 28 cents, 2 ports Japan, 30 cents per picul, (early February).

Sullberg, Ger. str., 782, Wuhu and Chinkiang to Canton, 17 cand. per picul.

Karin, Swed. str., 698, Monthly 8 mgs. at \$52.50 per month.

In their shipping and freight report, dated Singapore, 8th January, 1903, Messrs. Rantzenby, Schmidt and Co. state:—

Consolidated Steamers.—Our market has gone from bad to worse. No demand for tonnage exists and Chinese are not inclined to do any more business before the New Year, which is to be celebrated on and after the 29th inst. Several steamers are laying up. Reports from Bangkok speak of scarcity of cargo there and also in Saigon rice is scarce.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

In their report dated 16th January, 1903, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Fouts state:—

There has been a much firmer tone in the market, and a fair general business has been transacted during the week, mostly at hardening rates.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been negotiated at \$67 1/2 and \$67 1/4, closing with small buyers at \$67 1/2. The London quotation is the same as last week, viz. \$64. Subject to audit, the Directors will recommend, at the forthcoming meeting, the payment to shareholders of a final dividend of £1 10/- and a bonus of 10/- per share; add \$75,000 to Silver Reserve Fund, raising it to \$5,500,000; and carry forward about \$1,425,000. Nationals are firmer, and can be placed at \$24. The report and accounts for the year ending the 31st December, 1902, show a net profit of \$145,103.95, which it is proposed to divide in the following manner:—To pay a dividend of \$1.06 1/2 per share (in London \$1 1/4) absorbing \$79,490.15; to place \$50,000.00 to Reserve and to carry forward \$15,613.80.

Marine Insurance.—Unions have been bought at \$170. Cantoners remain quiet at \$167 1/2, and China Traders are offering at \$58. North bidders are steady at Tls. 177 1/2.

Fire Insurance.—Hongkong Fire has changed hands at \$325. China Fire has been done at \$85, and are now required for at \$85 1/2.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are slightly weaker with sellers at \$37 1/2. Indo-China, after changing hands at \$86, have advanced to \$87 at which figure shares are in demand. Douglas Steamships have not maintained their position, and are offering at \$44, after sales at varying rates between \$44 and \$43. China and Manilla have been dealt in at \$25, and more shares are obtainable at this price. Sales of Star Ferries, old issue, have been effected at \$25. Shell Transports have been taken off the market at £7.6 and £1.8 1/2, and there are further inquiries at the higher rate.

Refineries.—China Sugars have appreciated, and transactions at from \$88 to \$90 have taken place, the market closing with buyers at the latter rate. Luxons are quoted at \$12.

Mining.—Punjons are still wanted at \$2. Rabbits continue firm with buyers at \$2. The crushing for the current month produces 772 ounces of smelted gold from 3,183 tons of ore treated. Jebeus are unaltered at \$14 stellers. Chinese Engineerings have found buyers at Tls. 8 1/2.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been fixed at \$205 and more shares are to be had at this price. Farnhams have improved, and sales at Tls. 180 are reported. Kowloon Wharves have further advanced, and can now be placed at \$92. Amoy Docks have sellers at \$40.

Lands, Houls and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have been disposed of at \$184, and are in further request. West Point and Kowloon Lands are without business and quotations are unchanged. Shanghai Lands have been negotiated at Tls. 10 1/2 cum new issue. Hongkong Hotels have hardened, and business at \$142 has been done. Humphreys Estates have been broken at \$12 and \$13. The report and accounts of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Limited, show a gross earnings for the past year of \$107,158.33, and after deducting all expenses, there remains for appropriation a sum of \$1,022,002, which it is recommended to deal with as follows:—To transfer \$10,000 to Reserve Fund, pay a dividend of 80 cents per share, absorbing \$80,000, and carry forward to the credit of next year's account the balance of \$22,002. Shares have been parted with at \$9.85.

Cotton Mills.—Sales are reported in Shanghai of Ewos at Tls. 39 1/2, Internationals at Tls. 40, and Lao-Kung-Mows at Tls. 44.

Cigar Companies.—We have heard of no business.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been sold at \$2 1/4. A. S. Watsons are wanted at \$4. Electrics in request at \$13.10 for the old and \$6.05 for the new shares. Ices have been done at \$240 and Ropes have found investors at \$120. Dairy Farms can be placed at \$11. Universals are quieter and can be obtained at \$2 1/4. There are buyers of Manila Investments at \$15. Langkats are in demand at Tls. 170.

FOURTHLY MARKET REPORT.

Cotton.—A moderate business transpired in selected good Bengal about 470 packages at \$24 1/2 to \$26 per picul. The unsold stock is about 2,000 bales. The sales of best Chinese are reported of about 200 bales at \$24 per picul.

Yarn.—A brisk demand with advancing rates is to be noticed during the period. Sales of about 10,000 bales are reported, leaving unsold stock of about 11,000 bales. Sales of Local Mill's productions about 100 bales of No. 85, and 1,000 bales of No. 105 at \$95 and \$99 to 100 are

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